

# COME EXPLORE MONTANA'S EXCITING PAST!

A young nation expanded into the Montana territory in the late 1800s. Homesteaders rode steamboats and rail cars in search of untouched land and the freedom to choose their own destiny. Many scoured the mountains for gold and other precious metals.

Settlements grew overnight around mining claims. The town of Garnet was born in 1895, and within several years about a thousand people called it home. The calls of gold miners and the blasts of dynamite filled the gulches.

This remote town boasted hotels, stores and saloons, as well as a school, laundry, drug store, assay office and weekly newspaper.

But Garnet was not destined to last. By 1912, the large strikes were depleted, fire had raged through town, and most miners had left in search of new riches.

The struggles of the Great Depression brought a brief revival in the 1930s, but Garnet has been mostly deserted ever since.

Today, most of the town is publicly owned, and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM stabilizes and preserves the remaining two dozen buildings and provides visitors a glimpse into this fascinating part of our past.

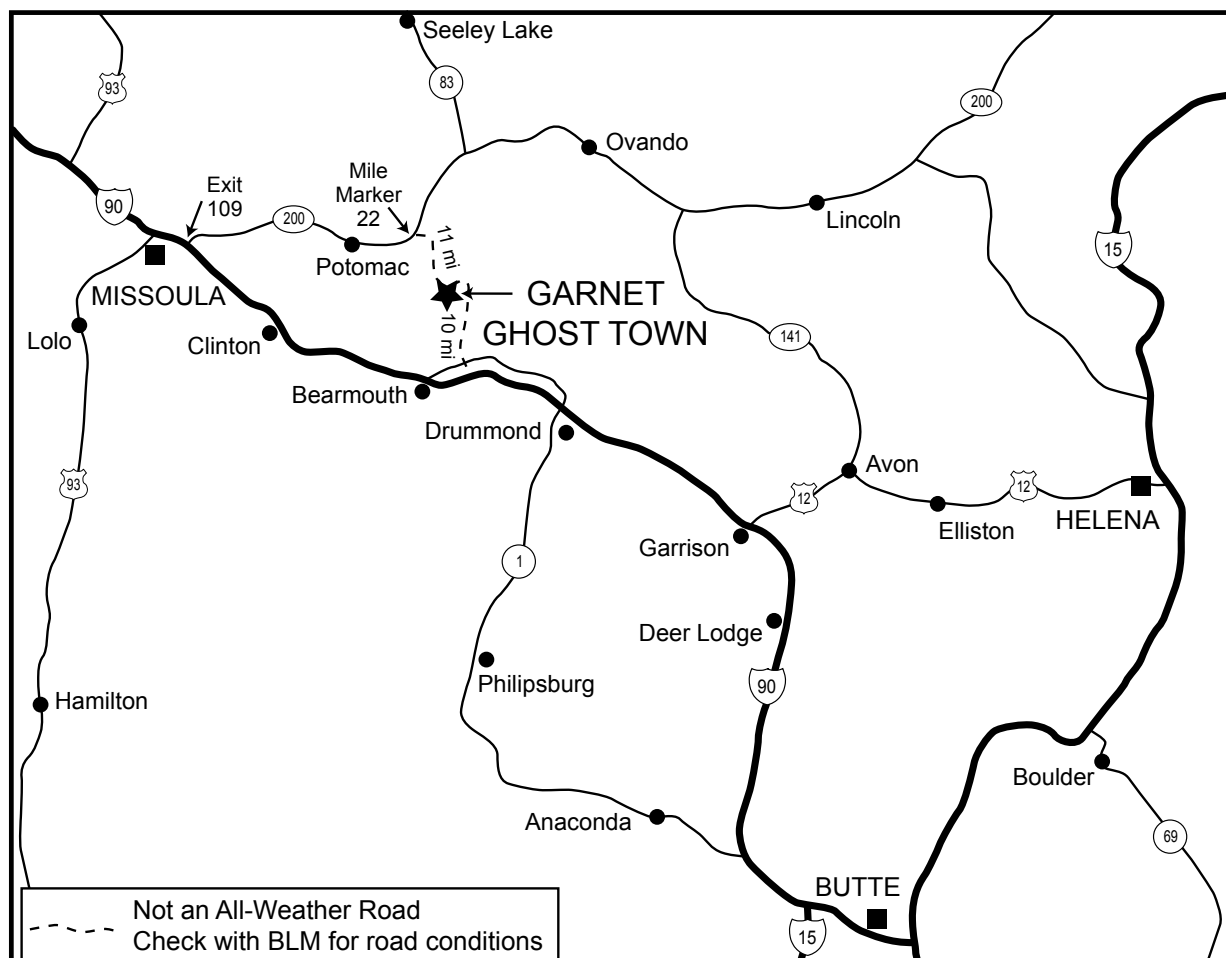


*Garnet's 19th-century Main Street*

- Garnet is an hour from Missoula and is readily accessible from late May to November.
- Standard fee is \$3 for each person 16 years old and over. These fees stay on-site to care for Garnet.
- The visitor center is open seven days a week from Memorial Day through September.
- Explore the town on your own or ask one of our rangers for a personal tour.
- We welcome leashed pets.
- Garnet is a primitive area with few services. We encourage you to visit nearby communities for services.
- In the winter, snowmobiles and skiers are welcome and entrance is free. Two historic cabins are available for rent (contact the Bureau of Land Management at 406-329-3914).



# Garnet Ghost Town



## DIRECTIONS

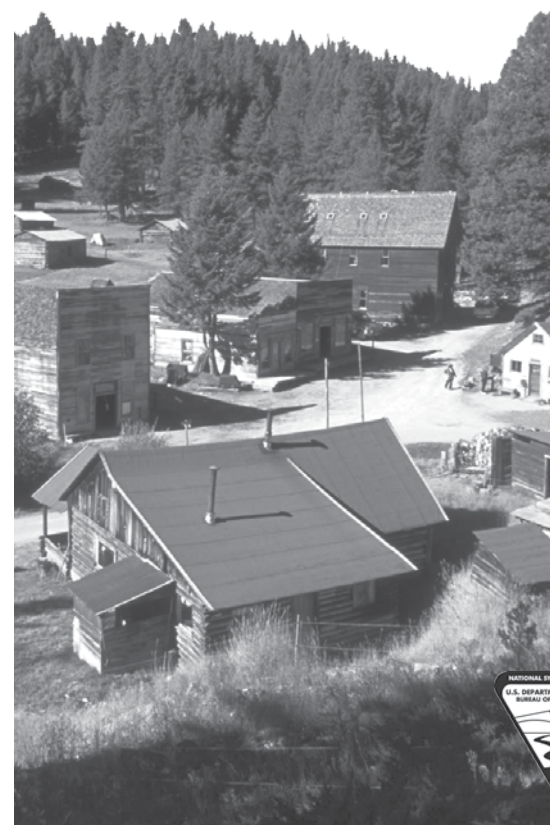
Recommended: From Montana Hwy 200, turn south at the "Garnet Ghost Town" sign between mile markers 22 and 23 and follow the gravel road 11 miles to Garnet.

OR (trailers not recommended): From I-90 going east, turn off at the Bearmouth exit and follow Frontage Road on the north side of the interstate 5.5 miles east to Bear Gulch Road. From I-90 going west, turn off at the Drummond exit and follow Frontage Road 10 miles to Bear Gulch Road.

At Bear Gulch Road, follow signs approximately 10 miles to Garnet.

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